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LETTER DATED 13 DECEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the United States Air Force has continued to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

2-3 December 1991

Eleven sorties by two-aircraft formations, at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 3,500-6,000 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Amadiyah, Arbil and Tall Afar.

5-6 December 1991

Eighteen sorties, flown by nine two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 1,000-3,000 m, centred on Dohuk, Zakho, Arbil, Mosul, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

6-7 December 1991

Twenty sorties, flown by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 640-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

7-8 December 1991

Fourteen sorties, flown by six two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-950 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-7,000 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar, Mosul and Arbil.

At 0835, 1020, 1028, 1155 and 1215 hours, two-aircraft formations consisting of F-111s, F-16s and Jaguars flew over Faruq airfield at speeds of 600-700 km/h and at altitudes of 50-150 m.

9-10 December 1991

One sortie, flown by a single two-aircraft formation at a speed of 850 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk and Zakho.

10-11 December 1991

Twenty-six sorties, flown by 13 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Arbil, Zakho, Rawanduz, Dukan, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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